

Topical Heading

Rehabilitation

Program Title

Rehabilitation Act Program Improvement

Also Known as

CFDA # (or ED #)

84.811

Administering Office

Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services (OSERS)

Who May Apply (by category)

Other Organizations and/or Agencies

Who May Apply (specifically)

Nonprofit and profit agencies that demonstrate the ability and capacity to carry out technical assistance activities in response to a Request for Proposals.

Current Competitions

To be announced

Type of Assistance (by category)

Discretionary/Competitive Grants, Contracts

Appropriations

Fiscal Year 2004	\$888,725
Fiscal Year 2005	\$843,200
Fiscal Year 2006	\$834,570

Fiscal Year 2006 Awards Information

Note: The Department is not bound by any estimates in this notice.

Number of New Awards Anticipated: 3 contracts

Average New Award: \$200,000

Number of Continuation Awards: 1 contract

Legislative Citation

Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, Sec. 12; *U.S.C.* 709.

Program Description

Sec. 12(a) of the *Rehabilitation Act* authorizes the commissioner of the Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA) to provide technical assistance and consultative services to public and nonprofit private agencies and organizations, including assistance to enable agencies and organizations to facilitate meaningful and effective participation by individuals with disabilities in workforce investment activities under the *Workforce Investment Act of 1998*. In addition, Sec. 12 funds may be used to provide short-term and technical instruction, conduct special demonstrations, develop and disseminate educational or informational materials, and carry out monitoring and conduct evaluations.

Types of Projects

Program funds are awarded through grants and contracts to procure expertise in identified areas of national significance and technical support in order to improve the operation of the vocational rehabilitation (VR) program and the provision of services to individuals with disabilities under the *Rehabilitation Act*. Program improvement funds have been used to support activities that improve program effectiveness and accountability, and to enhance the Department's ability to provide technical assistance in critical areas of national significance in achieving the purposes of the act.

Education Level (by category)

Adult

Subject Index

Independent Living, Rehabilitation, Technical Assistance, Vocational Rehabilitation

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